

THE MATH OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

AN ENFORCEMENT-ONLY APPROACH
DOESN'T ADD UP



COST TO DEPORT AN INDIVIDUAL IN FY 2016,
(INCLUDES DETENTION, LEGAL PROCESSING
AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS) ¹



IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT (ICE) PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR FY 2018 ²

REMOVING ALL 11 MILLION
UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE WOULD:

WASTE
\$100-\$300 BILLION

TAXPAYER DOLLARS ³

↓
REDUCE REAL
GDP BY
\$1 TRILLION ³

REMOVE
5.1% 
OF THE LABOR FORCE ⁴

LOSE

**\$11.64
BILLION**
IN TAX REVENUE ⁵

FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY FORWARD THAT SERVES AMERICAN WORKERS, GO TO:
immigrationforum.org/i2020

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